

Pile Burn Permits

Effective December 4, 2010 pile burn permits may be issued within the high fire hazard area. The authority to issue burn permits falls under the 2010 California Fire Code as adopted by Municipal Ordinance 8.04, Section 307.2.

Cancellation for issuance of burn permits typically occurs in late April to early May. However, the Fire Department may cancel existing permits or cancellation of any new permits as weather and fuel conditions warrant.

Burn permits are issued to property owners for vegetation cut for the purpose of fuel hazard reduction within the City's high fire hazard area. The Fire Department must inspect the site and piles prior to a permit being issued. The City does not issue burn permits for the purpose of agricultural burning.

Burn permits may not be issued in some areas due to increased hazards that pile burning may create. Examples of areas where permits may not be issued are areas within close proximity to structures or where topographic or fuel conditions in an area increase the potential for the pile burn to escape.

Enclosed is a link to the burn permit conditions required by the Fire Department. To request a burn permit please call the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department at 965-5254.